

Resolution No.: 18-242
Introduced: July 14, 2015
Adopted: July 28, 2015

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: Council President

SUBJECT: Amendments to the FY15-20 Capital Improvements Program
Montgomery County Government
Bus Stop Improvements (No. P507658), Cost Sharing: MCG (No. P720601), and
Sidewalk & Curb Replacement (No. P508182)

Background

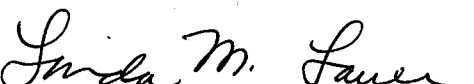
1. Section 302 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that the Council may amend an approved capital improvements program at any time by an affirmative vote of no fewer than six members of the Council.
2. On July 7, 2015 the County Executive proposed amendments to the FY15-20 Capital Improvements Program for Bus Stop Improvements (No. P507658), Cost Sharing: MCG (No. P720601), and Sidewalk & Curb Replacement (No. P508182) as part of his proposed FY16 Savings Plan.
3. Notice of public hearing was given and a public hearing was held on July 28, 2015.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following action:

The FY15-20 Capital Improvements Program of the Montgomery County Government is amended as reflected on the attached project description forms.

This is a correct copy of Council action.


Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

Bus Stop Improvements (P507658)

Category	Transportation	Date Last Modified	11/17/14
Sub Category	Mass Transit	Required Adequate Public Facility	No
Administering Agency	Transportation (AAGE30)	Relocation Impact	None
Planning Area	Countywide	Status	Ongoing

	Total	Thru FY14	Rem FY14	Total 6 Years	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	Beyond 6 Yrs
EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)											
Planning, Design and Supervision	1,318	586	0	730	262	127	151	155	35	0	0
Land	1,925	292	0	1,633	605	256	345	357	70	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	754	1	0	753	274	128	155	161	35	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3,995	879	0	3,116	1,141	511	651	673	140	0	0
FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)											
G.O. Bonds	1,998	0	0	1,998	1,072	305	305	316	0	0	0
Mass Transit Fund	1,997	879	0	1,118	69	208	346	357	140	0	0
Total	3,995	879	0	3,116	1,141	511	651	673	140	0	0

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (000s)

Appropriation Request	FY 16	651
Supplemental Appropriation Request		0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		2,020
Expenditure / Encumbrances		1,408
Unencumbered Balance		612

Date First Appropriation	FY 76
First Cost Estimate	
Current Scope	FY 15
Last FY's Cost Estimate	3,995
	6,387

Description

This project provides for the installation and improvement of capital amenities at bus stops in Montgomery County to make them safer, more accessible and attractive to users, and to improve pedestrian safety for County transit passengers. These enhancements can include items such as sidewalk connections, improved pedestrian access, pedestrian refuge islands and other crossing safety measures, area lighting, paved passenger standing areas, and other safety upgrades. In prior years, this project included funding for the installation and replacement of bus shelters and benches along Ride On and County Metrobus routes; benches and shelters are now handled under the operating budget. Full-scale construction began in October 2006. In the first year of the project, 729 bus stops were reviewed and modified, with significant construction occurring at 219 of these locations. As of FY13, approximately 2,634 stops have been modified.

Estimated Schedule

Completion of project delayed to FY18 due to complex nature of bus stops requiring right-of-way to be acquired.

Justification

Many of the County's bus stops have safety, security, or right-of-way deficiencies since they are located on roads which were not originally built to accommodate pedestrians. Problems include: lack of drainage around the site, sidewalk connections, passenger standing areas or pads, lighting or pedestrian access, and unsafe street crossings to get to the bus stop. This project addresses significant bus stop safety issues to ease access to transit service. Correction of these deficiencies will result in fewer pedestrian accidents related to bus riders, improved accessibility of the system, increased attractiveness of transit as a means of transportation, and greater ridership. Making transit a more viable option than the automobile requires enhanced facilities as well as increased frequency and level of service. Getting riders to the bus and providing an adequate and safe facility to wait for the bus will help to achieve the goal. The County has approximately 5,400 bus stops. The completed inventory and assessment of each bus stop has determined what is needed at each location to render the stop safe and accessible to all transit passengers. In FY05, a contractor developed a GIS-referenced bus stop inventory and condition assessment for all bus stops in the County, criteria to determine which bus stops need improvements, and a prioritized listing of bus stop relocations, improvements, and passenger amenities. The survey and review of bus stop data have been completed and work is on-going.

Fiscal Note

Funding for this project includes general obligation bonds with debt service financed from the Mass Transit Facilities Fund. Reflects acceleration in FY14. \$1,627,000 technical adjustment in FY15 to correct for partial closeout error in FY13.

As a result of the savings plan deferrals in programmed expenditures of \$140,000, FY16 spending will be reduced and FY17 appropriation needs will be reduced by an equal amount.

Disclosures

A pedestrian impact analysis will be performed during design or is in progress.

The Executive asserts that this project conforms to the requirements of relevant local plans, as required by the Maryland Economic Growth, Resource Protection and Planning Act.

Coordination

Civic Associations, Municipalities, Maryland State Highway Administration, Maryland Transit Administration, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, Commission on Aging, Commission on People with Disabilities, Montgomery County Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee, Citizen Advisory Boards

Cost Sharing: MCG (P720601)

Category Culture and Recreation
 Sub Category Recreation
 Administering Agency General Services (AAGE29)
 Planning Area Countywide

Date Last Modified 11/17/14
 Required Adequate Public Facility No
 Relocation Impact None
 Status Ongoing

	Total	Thru FY14	Rem FY14	Total 6 Years	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	Beyond 6 Yrs
EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)											
Planning, Design and Supervision	3,634	3,634	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	7,430	7,430	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	15,498	5,309	1,316	8,873	2,382	2,491	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Total	26,571	16,382	1,316	8,873	2,382	2,491	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)											
Contributions	150	0	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current Revenue: General	14,810	6,435	602	7,773	2,282	1,491	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
G.O. Bonds	1,000	0	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	0
Land Sale	2,661	2,661	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Long-Term Financing	3,850	3,850	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Aid	4,100	3,436	564	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	26,571	16,382	1,316	8,873	2,382	2,491	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation Request	FY 16	2,516
Supplemental Appropriation Request		0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		20,197
Expenditure / Encumbrances		17,023
Unencumbered Balance		3,174

Date First Appropriation	FY 06
First Cost Estimate	
Current Scope	FY 16
Last FY's Cost Estimate	25,197

Description

This project provides funds for the development of non-government projects in conjunction with public agencies or the private sector. County participation leverages private and other public funds for these facilities. Prior to disbursing funds, the relevant County department or agency and the private organization will develop a Memorandum of Understanding, which specifies the requirements and responsibilities of each.

Cost Change

Reductions of \$141,000 have been made in FY16 expenditures and current revenue funding as part of the FY16 operating budget savings plan. FY16 CIP Grants for Arts and Humanities Organizations have been capped at the level approved in May 2015.

Justification

The County has entered into or considered many public-private partnerships, which contribute to the excellence and diversity of facilities serving County residents

Other

See attached for Community Grants and CIP Grants for Arts and Humanities Organizations.

The State approved \$4,000,000 in State Aid for the Fillmore venue in Silver Spring. The County's required match was \$4,000,000 and \$6,511,000 was programmed. The Venue Operator agreed to purchase certain furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the project; \$150,000 of which would be used as the required County match. An agreement between the development partners and the County was executed. The Fillmore is now operational.

Old Blair Auditorium Project, Inc., in FY06-07 the County provided \$190,000 as a partial match for the State funds with \$50,000 in current revenue for DPWT to develop a program of requirements and cost estimate for the project, and bond funded expenditure of \$140,000 to pay for part of the construction. These funds were budgeted in the MCG: Cost Sharing project (No. 720601). In FY11, the funds were transferred to a new CIP Old Blair Auditorium Reuse project (No. 361113).

Fiscal Note

As a result of savings plan reductions in programmed expenditures, FY16 spending will be reduced and FY17 appropriation needs will be reduced by an equal amount.

Disclosures

A pedestrian impact analysis will be performed during design or is in progress.

The Executive asserts that this project conforms to the requirements of relevant local plans, as required by the Maryland Economic Growth, Resource Protection and Planning Act.

Coordination

Cost Sharing: MCG (P720601)

**Private organizations, State of Maryland, Municipalities, Montgomery County Public Schools, Community Use of Public Facilities,
Department of General Services, Department of Economic Development**

COST SHARING GRANTS

Grants:

For FY16, County participation is for the following community grant projects totaling \$865,000: Beth Shalom Congregation and Talmud Torah: \$60,000; Easter Seals Greater Washington-Baltimore Region: \$50,000; Graceful Growing Together, Inc.: \$75,000; Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington, Inc.: \$50,000; Jewish Foundation for Group Homes: \$50,000; Latin American Youth Center, Inc.: \$25,000; Muslim Community Center Inc. DBA MCC Medical Clinic: \$25,000; Potomac Community Resources: \$25,000; Rockville Science Center, Inc.: \$15,000; Silver Spring United Methodist Church: \$50,000; The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington: \$40,000; Warrior Canine Connection: \$50,000; Cornerstone Montgomery, Inc.: \$350,000. For FY16, CIP Grants for Arts and Humanities Organizations totaling \$1,625,004 are approved for the following projects: The Writer's Center, Inc.: \$250,000; Montgomery Community Television, Inc.: \$119,181; Sandy Spring Museum, Inc.: \$30,170; Round House Theatre, Inc.: \$155,572; American Dance Institute, Inc.: \$70,081; and Strathmore Hall Foundation, Inc.: \$1,000,000.

For FY15, County participation was for the following projects: Easter Seals Greater Washington-Baltimore Region, Inc.: \$100,000; Graceful Growing Together, Inc.: \$125,000; Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington: \$150,000; Muslim Community Center, Inc.: \$250,000; Potomac Community Resources, Inc.: \$150,000; The Arc of Montgomery County, Inc.: \$17,973; Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, Inc.: \$11,395; Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy: \$33,000; Jewish Social Service Agency: \$75,000; Warrior Canine Connection, Inc.: \$75,000; Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington, Inc.: \$125,000; The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, Inc.: \$100,000; Family Services, Inc.: \$75,000. For FY15, CIP Grants for Arts and Humanities Organizations totaling \$849,080 are approved for the following projects: Germantown Cultural Arts Center, Inc.: \$75,000; Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, Inc.: \$134,000; Montgomery Community Television, Inc.: \$50,080; The Olney Theatre Center for the Arts, Inc.: \$150,000; Sandy Spring Museum, Inc.: \$90,000; and The Writer's Center, Inc.: \$250,000. \$100,000 of these funds will also be used to provide a State bond bill match for Silver Spring Black Box Theater. For FY15, emergency CIP Grants for Arts and Humanities Organizations totaling \$143,116 are approved for the following projects: Montgomery Community Television, Inc.: \$127,179; and Sandy Spring Museum, Inc.: \$15,937.

For FY14, County participation was for the following projects: Easter Seals Greater Washington-Baltimore Region: \$100,000; Jewish Foundation for Group Homes, Inc.: \$125,000; Muslim Community Center: \$100,000; Potomac Community Resources, Inc.: \$50,000; Sandy Spring Museum: \$65,000; St. Luke's House and Threshold Services United: \$50,000; and Takoma Park Presbyterian Church: \$75,000. Prior to disbursement of funds, Takoma Park Presbyterian Church must provide a final Business Plan to the Executive and Council that includes the proposed fee schedule and letters of interest from potential entrepreneurs with expected revenues from each user. The Church must agree to use the facility for the expressed purposes for a period of ten years from the time the facility is complete or repay the pro rata portion of County funds. The following Capital Improvement Grants for the Arts and Humanities were awarded to Friends of the Library, Montgomery County, Inc.: \$25,100; Imagination Stage, Inc.: \$190,000; The Washington Conservatory: \$26,875; Strathmore Hall Foundation, Inc.: \$26,000; The Puppet Company: \$25,000; The Writers Center, Inc.: \$250,000; Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture: \$45,000; American Dance Institute, Inc.: \$34,889; Olney Theatre Corp: \$25,000; Montgomery Community Television dba Montgomery Community Media: \$62,469; The Dance Exchange Inc.: \$77,500; and Metropolitan Ballet Theatre, Inc.: \$100,850.

For FY13, County participation was for the following projects: ArtPreneurs, Inc.: \$80,000; Muslim Community Center, Inc.: \$120,000; Muslim Community Center, Inc.: \$175,000; Potomac Community Resources, Inc.: \$50,000; Sheppard Pratt Health System, Inc.: \$50,000; and The Menare Foundation, Inc.: \$80,000.

For FY12, County participation was for the following projects: Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, Inc.: \$125,000; CHI Centers Inc.: \$200,000; and Ivymount School, Inc.: \$100,000.

For FY11, County participation was for the following projects: Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital: \$100,000; Jewish Foundation for Group Homes, Inc.: \$50,000; and Ivymount School, Inc.: \$100,000.

For FY10, County participation was for the following project: Aunt Hattie's Place, Inc.: \$100,000. Disbursement of FY09 and FY10 County funds is conditioned on the owner of the property giving the County an appropriate covenant restricting the use of the leased property to a foster home for boys for a period of ten years from the time the facility

commences to operate as a foster home. Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington: \$38,000; CASA de Maryland, Inc.: \$100,000; Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington, Inc.: \$50,000; and Warren Historic Site Committee, Inc.: \$150,000.

For FY09, County participation was for the following projects: Aunt Hattie's Place, Inc.: \$250,000; Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington: \$250,000; CASA de Maryland, Inc.: \$150,000; CHI Centers: \$50,000; and Institute for Family Development Inc., doing business as Centro Familia: \$75,000 (The organization had to demonstrate to the County's satisfaction that it had commitments for the entire funding needed to construct the project before the \$75,000 in County funds could be spent.); Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington, Inc.: \$250,000; Montgomery General Hospital: \$500,000; Nonprofit Village, Inc.: \$200,000; and YMCA of Metropolitan Washington and Youth and Family Services Branch: \$200,000.

Sidewalk & Curb Replacement (P508182)

Category	Transportation	Date Last Modified	11/17/14
Sub Category	Highway Maintenance	Required Adequate Public Facility	No
Administering Agency	Transportation (AAGE30)	Relocation Impact	None
Planning Area	Countywide	Status	Ongoing

	Total	Thru FY14	Rem FY14	Total 6 Years	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	Beyond 6 Yrs
EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)											
Planning, Design and Supervision	6,606	2	725	5,879	1,005	1,079	780	1,005	1,005	1,005	0
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	39,768	6,454	0	33,312	5,695	6,112	4,420	5,695	5,695	5,695	0
Other	35	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	46,407	6,456	760	39,191	6,700	7,191	5,200	6,700	6,700	6,700	0

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)											
Contributions	4,259	499	760	3,000	500	500	500	500	500	500	0
G.O. Bonds	42,148	5,957	0	36,191	6,200	6,691	4,700	6,200	6,200	6,200	0
Total	46,407	6,456	760	39,191	6,700	7,191	5,200	6,700	6,700	6,700	0

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (000s)

Appropriation Request	FY 16	8,200
Supplemental Appropriation Request		0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		13,916
Expenditure / Encumbrances		6,477
Unencumbered Balance		7,439

Date First Appropriation	FY 81	
First Cost Estimate		
Current Scope	FY 16	46,407
Last FY's Cost Estimate		56,059
Partial Closeout Thru		108,966
New Partial Closeout		6,456
Total Partial Closeout		115,422

Description

This project provides for the removal and replacement of damaged or deteriorated sidewalks, curbs, and gutters in business districts and residential communities. The County currently maintains about 1,034 miles of sidewalks and about 2,098 miles of curbs and gutters. Many years of paving overlays have left some curb faces of two inches or less. Paving is milled, and new construction provides for a standard six-inch curb face. The project includes: overlay of existing sidewalks with asphalt; base failure repair and new construction of curbs; and new sidewalks with handicapped ramps to fill in missing sections. Some funds from this project support the Renew Montgomery and Main Street Montgomery programs. A significant aspect of this project has been and will be to provide safe pedestrian access and to ensure Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance. Mileage of sidewalks and curb/gutters has been updated to reflect the annual acceptance of new infrastructure to the County's inventory.

Cost Change

Reductions of \$1,009,000 have been made in FY16 expenditures and funding as part of the FY16 operating budget savings plan.

Justification

Curbs, gutters, and sidewalks have a service life of 30 years. Freeze/thaw cycles, de-icing materials, tree roots, and vehicle loads accelerate concrete failure. The County should replace 70 miles of curbs and gutters and 35 miles of sidewalks annually to provide for a 30 year cycle. Deteriorated curbs, gutters, and sidewalks are safety hazards to pedestrians and motorists, increase liability risks, and allow water to infiltrate into the sub-base causing damage to roadway pavements. Settled or heaved concrete can trap water and provide breeding places for mosquitoes. A Countywide inventory of deteriorated concrete was performed in the late 1980's. Portions of the Countywide survey are updated during the winter season. The March 2014 Report of the Infrastructure Maintenance Task Force identified an annual replacement program level of effort based on a 30-year life for curbs and gutters.

Other

The Department of Transportation (DOT) maintains a list of candidate projects requiring construction of curbs and gutters based on need and available funding. The design and planning stages, as well as final completion of the project will comply with the DOT, Maryland State Highway Administration (MSHA), Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), and ADA standards.

Fiscal Note

Since FY87, the County has offered to replace deteriorated driveway aprons at the property owners' expense up to a total of \$500,000 annually. Payments for this work are displayed as Contributions in the funding schedule.

As a result of the savings plan reductions in programmed expenditures, FY16 spending will be reduced and FY17 appropriation needs will be reduced by an equal amount.

Disclosures

Expenditures will continue indefinitely.

Coordination

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, Other Utilities, Montgomery County Public Schools, Homeowners, Montgomery County Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee, Commission on People with Disabilities